

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please revise the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

An internal combustion engine variable compression ratio system ~~is provided that~~ includes a piston ~~inner (5a) inner~~, a piston ~~outer (5b) outer~~ that, while being fitted around the outer periphery of the piston ~~inner (5a) inner~~, so ~~that it can slide~~ it slides only in the axial direction, is capable of moving ~~to a among~~ among low compression ratio position (L), ~~a high compression ratio position high~~ (H), and ~~a and~~ and medium (M) compression ratio position (M) ~~between the above~~ positions, and two sets of raising means (R_1 , R_2) disposed in line in the axial direction between the piston inner and outer ~~(5a, 5b), each~~. Each set of raising means (R_1 , R_2) ~~including~~ includes a movable raising member ~~(14₁, 14₂)~~, which can pivot individually between a non-raised position (A) and a raised position (B) around the axis of the piston inner and outer ~~(5a, 5b)~~. It is thus possible to provide an internal combustion engine variable compression ratio system that enables the compression ratio to be appropriately switched between at least three stages, that is, ~~a low compression ratio, a medium compression ratio, and a~~ between low, medium and high compression ratio ratios, without rotating the piston outer.

Please replace the specification with the attached Substitute Specification.